(viii) Under the Area Officers Scheme, the Senior officers of the Government visits their allocated States/UTs to conduct review of the TPDS. The observations made by the Area Officers in their reports are sent to the concerned State Government/UT for taking necessary action.

Warehousing Development and Regulation Bill

1981. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are proposing to bring before the Parliament the Warehousing Development and Regulation Bill to make the warehouse receipts legally acceptable in all banks and the commodities markets and to provide regulation;

(b) whether the proposed Bill also contains provisions relating to gradation, standardization and other services to the commodities markets;

(c) if so, the details thereof, and

(d) what are the other salient features of the proposed Bill?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government has introduced a Warehousing (Development and Regulation) Bill, 2005 in the Winter Session of the Lok Sabha on 7th December, 2005 for making the warehouse receipt a fully negotiable instrument.

(d) There is a proposal for setting up a Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority for regulating the business of warehouses and for implementing the provisions of the proposed legislation.